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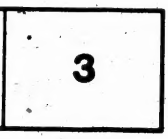

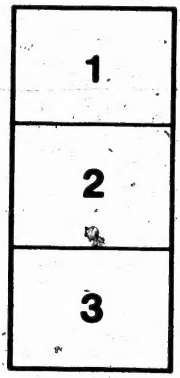

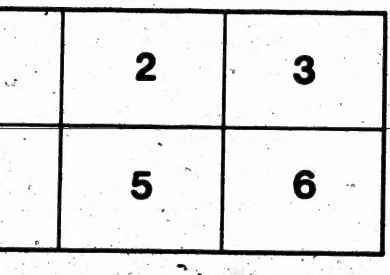

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BRITISH AMERICAN GRAND LODGE.

ARTICLE I.—Name and Jurisdiction.

Section 1.—This body shall be known as the Grand Lodge of the British American Order of Good Templars, and shall be composed of all Past Worthy Chief Templars, Worthy Chief Templars, Worthy Vice Templars, and Past Worthy Vice Templars, who are contributing members of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and who have been admitted as required by this Constitution.

Sec. 2.—This Grand Lodge has jurisdiction over all Lodges working under Charters granted by this Grand Lodge, and is the supreme tribunal of the Order. It possesses the sole right and power, in the manner hereinafter provided, of granting or suspending Charters; of receiving appeals and redressing grievances arising in Lodges; of originating and regulating the means of its support; of deciding all questions arising out of this Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order; and of doing all other acts necessary to promote the interests of the Order, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order.

Sec. 3.—To entitle a P. W. C. T., W. C. T., W. V. T. or P. W. V. T. to be admitted to the Grand Lodge, he or she must produce a certificate, signed by the W. S. of his or her Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge, as evidence that he or she is duly qualified as per Sec. 1st of this Article.

ARTICLE II.—Session and Representation.

Sec. 1.—The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular Annual Session, commencing on the first Wednesday in

October, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and shall continue to meet at the same, or at an earlier hour, from day to day, consecutively (Sundays excepted) until the close of the Session.

SEC. 2.—The chartered location of this Grand Lodge shall be at the City of London, County of Middlesex, Canada West, but the Grand Lodge shall, on the second day of each Annual Session, immediately after the approval of the minutes, determine by ballot the place of its next annual Session, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case there should be no choice on the first ballot, the Lodge shall proceed immediately to vote again, dropping the place having the least number of votes, and so on till an election is made.

SEC. 3.—Every Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge for forty members or less, and one for each additional forty. Any person eligible to a seat in the Grand Lodge, as provided in the 1st Section of this Constitution, may be authorized by two Lodges in the County in which his or her Lodge is located to represent such Lodges in the G. L. The election of Representatives shall be held at the first regular meeting in August in each year, to serve for one year thereafter. The balloting shall be with printed or written ballots, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Vacancies may be filled at any time in the same manner, to serve the residue of the term. The Representatives mentioned in this section shall be styled Regular Representatives, and each shall be entitled to receive the amount of his or her actual necessary expenses in attending the Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge, and no more, notwithstanding they are the Representatives of more than one Lodge, to be paid by the Subordinate Lodges they represent. Degree members of good standing shall be admitted as visitors.

SEC. 4.—No member shall be permitted to sit in the Grand Lodge unless clothed in proper regalia, except during the Session at which the member shall be initiated. (G. L. Regalia must be of the same color as third degree Regalia.)

Sec. 5.—The Grand Lodge shall not be opened unless seven of the Subordinate Lodges are represented.

ARTICLE III.—Officers.

Sec. 1.—The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be:

1. Grand Worthy Chief Templar.
2. Grand Worthy Counsellor.
3. Grand Worthy Vice Templar.
4. Grand Worthy Secretary.
5. Grand Worthy Treasurer.
6. Grand Worthy Chaplain.
7. Grand Worthy Marshal.
8. Grand Worthy Deputy Marshal.
9. Grand Worthy Inside Guard.
10. Grand Worthy Outside Guard.

Sec. 2.—The G. W. C. T. shall appoint a D. G. W. C. T. for each County in which such an officer is required; but when there are district Degree Lodges such appointments shall be subject to their recommendation. He may also appoint travelling D. G. W. C. Ts., who shall have special jurisdiction over the districts allotted to them, for the purpose of lecturing and opening new Lodges and instructing them in the working of the Order.

Sec. 3.—The officers shall be elected at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, to hold their office for one year, or until others are elected or appointed in their stead.

Sec. 4.—The election of Grand Officers shall take place the second day, immediatey after fixing the place for the succeeding session. Any Representative of the Grand Lodge shall be eligible, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case no candidate shall receive a majority on the first ballot, the Representatives shall proceed immediately to ballot again, dropping the candidate having the least number of votes, and so on until an election is made.

ARTICLE IV.—Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1.—The G. W. C. T. shall preside at all the Sessions of the Grand Lodge, preserve order therein, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. All questions of order and

all decisions made by him shall be subject to an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be his duty to put the questions on all such appeals to the Grand Lodge: he may appoint all Grand Officers, pro tem., and all committees not otherwise provided for; he shall give the casting vote in all cases of a tie, except at the election of Officers; he shall order the T. to pay all sums of money voted by the Grand Lodge; he may grant dispensations on the application of a Lodge, to confer Degrees on a member without delay; he shall decide all appeals on questions of law, which may be made to him from decisions of the D. G. W. C. T.; he shall give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order, to the Deputies or to the Lodges, as may be necessary, he may summon any one of the Grand Officers and require from him information respecting his office; he shall personally, or by deputy, visit each Lodge under his jurisdiction at least once in each year, and make a report at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2.—The Grand Worthy Counsellor shall support the G. W. C. T. in presiding, and in his absence shall fill the chair for him. In the event of a vacancy in the office of G. W. C. T., the G. W. C. shall become G. W. C. T. for the balance of the term.

Sec. 3.—The G. W. V. Templar shall assist the G. W. C. T. in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he shall have special charge of the door, and in the absence of the G. W. C. T. and G. W. C. he shall preside; and in case of a vacancy of both of those offices, he shall become G. W. C. T. for the balance of the term.

Sec. 4.—The Grand Worthy Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at every session, and transmit as soon as possible after the close of the Annual Session, to the Subordinate Lodges, printed copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinates, receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay, taking his receipt for the same; he shall issue all necessary notices to Subordinates and representatives, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge shall direct; he

shall perform such other duties as are herein provided for, or that may be ordered by the Grand Lodge; he shall receive such salary as may be ascertained and fixed upon at each Annual Session of the Grand Lodge; which salary shall be paid quarterly; he shall, previous to his installation, give bonds to the three first named officers, in such form and penalty as they shall approve, for the faithful discharge of his duties, and at the close of his term shall make a full report of his acts to the Grand Lodge. The office of the G. W. S. shall not necessarily be at the chartered location.

Sec. 5.—The Grand Worthy Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the G. W. C. T., under the seal of the Grand Lodge; keep his account in such a manner as will exhibit the sources and amounts of receipts, and by whom paid, the purposes and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid: have his accounts closed up on the first day of the Annual Session in each year, and submit to the finance Committee, and make a full report of the Grand Lodge at the close of his term of office; he shall, previous to his installation, give bonds to the three first named officers, in such form and penalty as they shall approve, for the faithful performance of his duties.

Sec. 6.—The Grand Worthy Chaplain shall attend the Session of the Grand Lodge and perform the duties of his office.

Sec. 7.—The Grand Worthy Marshal shall introduce the Grand officers at their installation; new members at their initiation, and, assisted by the Grand Worthy Deputy Marshal, conduct the processions of the Grand Lodge. He shall have charge of all the property not under the control of the other officers; he shall, at the opening of the Session, see the officers' badges in their proper places, and at the close see that they are collected and deposited in a place of safety.

Sec. 8.—The Grand Worthy Guard shall guard the door, and see none enter or retire but those duly authorized.

Sec. 9.—The Deputy Grand Worthy Chief Templars for the County shall be the organs of the G. W. C. T., with the Subordinates in their counties, have power to

grant dispensations to Lodges in their counties, organise new Lodges as per Constitution, forwarding the returns at once to the G. W. S.; have power to grant certificates for the degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require. They shall see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly, forward immediately to the G. W. S. all moneys due the Grand Lodge, which they may receive from Lodges in their counties; decide all questions of law, determine and hear all appeals that may be submitted to them by the Lodges, or members thereof, under their charge, and report quarterly to the G. W. C. T. of their proceedings. They shall take cognizance of and report forthwith to the G. W. C. T. all cases of violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, or of disobedience to its lawful commands on the part of Subordinates.

Sec. 10.—At the first meeting in August at the same time of the election of Representatives, each Lodge shall elect and recommend a P. W. C. T., or acting W. C. T., as Degree Templar for their respective Lodges, who shall be appointed by the G. W. C. T., and whose term of office shall be for one year thereafter; whose duty it shall be to see that the Degrees are conferred in accordance with the Ritual and usage, and exercise a general supervision over the Degree Lodge. Also, to install the officers of his Lodge in the absence of the G. W. C. T. or his Deputy for the County.

Sec. 11.—All Grand Officers shall, in addition to those specified in this Constitution, perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

Sec. 12.—The expenses of the Grand Officers attending the Session of the Grand Lodge shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.—Offences and Vacancies.

Sec. 1.—Any officer of the Grand Lodge who shall have violated his pledge or obligation, shall be deprived of all his official honors, and if reinstated shall not be eligible to any Grand Office sooner than two years thereafter.

Sec. 2.—Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office by the Grand Lodge for misconduct or neglect of

duty; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two thirds of the votes of the Representatives present shall be necessary to removal.

Sec. 3.—No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Whenever the G. W. C. T., or the officer acting as such, shall be on trial, or whenever a resolution for his removal shall be submitted, the Grand Lodge may direct any P. G. W. C. T. present to occupy the chair.

Sec. 4.—Any Representative may be expelled from his seat, as such, for misconduct, upon the vote of two-thirds of the Representatives present at any meeting, after a copy of the resolution of expulsion shall have been served upon him or her.

Sec. 5.—Vacancies in the office of D. G. W. C. T. shall be filled by the G. W. C. T., to serve for the residue of the term of the former incumbent. Vacancies in the other Grand offices shall be filled by Grand Lodge, if in Session; if not, then by the Standing Committee, and for the term of the former incumbent.

ARTICLE VI.—Committees.

Sec. 1.—The first five Grand officers shall constitute the Standing Committee, to act in the recess of the Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as may be assigned them, and shall constitute the Committee on the Laws of the Subordinates. Of said Committee the G. W. C. T. shall be chairman, and he shall call meetings thereof when business requires, and at such points within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge as shall seem for the best interest of the Order; and none but members of the Grand Lodge shall be admitted; at which time any ordinary business may be transacted.

Sec. 2.—There shall be appointed at each Annual Session the following regular Committees, which shall regularly perform such duties relating to the subjects on which they are appoined as the Grand Lodge may direct:

1st.	Committee of	Finance.
2nd.	"	Correspondence.
3rd.	"	Appeals.
4th.	"	Petitions and Credentials.
5th.	"	On the State of the Order.

Sec. 3.—The above Committees shall each consist of three members.

Sec. 4.—The Finance Committee shall, in addition to other duties, ascertain and report at the commencement of each Annual Session the amount required for the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE VII.—Appeals.

Sec. 1. In all cases where a member of a Lodge has been fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, or has been deprived of any right, honor, privilege or benefit by his or her Lodge, he or she may appeal to the D. G. W. C. T., by filing with the Secretary of his or her Lodge a notice of the appeal, with the grounds thereof; and thereupon the Lodge shall, without delay, send under its seal to the D. G. W. C. T. for his or her County such notices of appeal, together with certified copies of the minutes, charges, evidence, and other books and papers in their possession or under the control of the Lodge, relating to the subject and matter of appeal, and thereupon the D. G. W. C. T. shall hear and determine the appeal.

Sec. 2. The D. G. W. C. T. shall file his decision, with the grounds thereof, with the Lodge, and deliver a copy to the opposite party. Either party, feeling aggrieved by his decision, may take an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which appeal shall be heard upon the same papers submitted to the D. G. W. C. T. It shall be the duty of the D. G. W. C. T., on notice from the appellant, to transmit all such papers to the G. W. S.

ARTICLE VIII.—Votes.

Sec. 1. Every Lodge shall be entitled to one vote where the number of members returned in the next preceding quarterly report shall be forty or less, and one vote for each additional forty members. Each Representative shall, whenever the vote is taken by ayes and nays, be entitled to cast the number of votes to which the Lodge or Lodges he or she represents is entitled. Each Grand Officer shall be entitled to one vote. All questions and votes before this Grand Lodge,

not otherwise provided for in this Constitution, shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the Representatives and Grand Officers present.

Sec. 2. The votes on any question shall be taken by ayes and nays, whenever required by five Representatives; and when so taken it shall be recorded on the Journal, provided however, that all questions for the expulsion of a Representative shall be by the votes of the Representatives present.

ARTICLE IX.—Revenue.

Sec. 1. The Revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised for the purpose of necessary expenses thereof.

Sec. 2. Such revenues shall be derived from Charter fees, the sale of books, odes, cards and blanks, and assessment hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. The fee for Charter and necessary books to open a new Lodge shall be eight dollars; the money to accompany the application for a Charter.

Sec. 4. At each Annual Session the Finance Committee shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, what amount of money will be necessary, in addition to what may be received for charters, &c., to meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge for the current year; and the amount so estimated shall be assessed upon the Subordinate Lodges, fixing it at so much per member. Each Subordinate Lodge shall, with the quarterly returns of November, February, May and August of each year, in proportion to the number of members then returned, pay to the D. G. W. C. T., or the Degree Templar, as the case may be, their quarterly assessment; and no Installing Officer shall communicate the Password for the quarter until the quarterly returns and the per centage to the Grand Lodge shall be in his hands, and the installing officer shall immediately forward the same to the G. W. S.

ARTICLE X.—Charters, etc.

Sec. 1. On the written application of ten or more persons, of good standing in the community, praying for a Charter to open a Lodge, the Grand Lodge, or Standing Committee during the recess, may grant the same, if the majority considered it expedient, and such

Lodge shall receive its charter and the necessary instructions from the G. W. C. T. or the D. G. W. C. T., or one specially deputed, all necessary expenses, if any, of the Installing officers to be borne by the Lodge so opened.

Sec. 2. At the end of each quarter, every subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge, the work thereof for such quarter, which shall include the number of those initiated, admitted by Card, withdrawn by Clearance Card, reinstated, rejected and deceased, and the names of those suspended and expelled; together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, amount due the Grand Lodge, and the result of the election of officers for the succeeding quarter.

Sec. 3. All laws, regulations or rules for the government of Subordinate Lodges, or officers or the members thereof, shall be incorporated into the Constitution thereof; and no changes therein shall be made, except as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XI.—Subordinate Lodges.

Sec. 1. No Subordinate Lodge shall be expelled, suspended, or deprived of any of its rights and privileges, except as provided in this Constitution.

Sec. 2. Whenever any Subordinate Lodge shall violate the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules or Regulations of this Grand Lodge, such Lodge shall be liable to trial and punishment as herein provided.

Sec. 3. Before any Lodge can be put on trial, charges shall be preferred duly specifying the offence to the Grand Lodge by the D. G. W. C. T. of the County in which such Lodge is located, by another Lodge, or any member of the Grand Lodge, a copy of which shall be served on the said Lodge, and its answer, together with the charges, shall be handed to the D. G. W. C. T., and by him sent to the G. W. S., when the Grand Lodge or Standing Committee shall take such action as shall seem most expedient, to determine and settle the case.

Sec. 4. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeit of its Charter, the officers of the Lodge shall surrender to the G. W. C. T., or his deputy,

all books and papers belonging to such Lodge, and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by this Constitution for one year, shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its charter shall be forfeited.

Sec. 6. Members of a suspended or expelled Lodge, or of a Lodge where the Charter has been surrended or forfeited, who were in good standing at the time of such suspension or dissolution, shall, upon the recommendation of the D. G. W. C. T. of the County in which the Lodge was located, receive from the G. W. S. a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge, provided such members are not excluded by the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 7. Upon the application of ten or more members of an extinct Lodge to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, accompanied with satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct, to unite in such application, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the charter and books belonging to said Lodge, at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been previously disposed of by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XII.—Privileges of Grand Lodge.

Sec. I. This Grand Lodge may enact, alter, or amend such By-laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution, and of regulating the proceedings of its officers and committees, and providing for the safety and security of the funds and property; provided, at least one day's notice in writing be given at the Annual Session of such By-laws or Amendment, and that the same do not in any wise contravene this Constitution.

Sec. 2. The Grand Lodge may, in like manner, make such Rules of Order as may be necessary for the regulation of its session, and for securing good order and the dispatch of business. Such Rule of Order may be suspended at any meeting by a two-third vote, provided

that such suspension shall not extend beyond the meeting which voted therefor.

ARTICLE XIII.—Amendments.

Sec. 1. No part of this Constitution shall be amended, altered, annulled or suspended; nor shall any addition be made thereto, except at the Annual Session, and in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. A proposition to amend this Constitution shall be recommended by a majority of the votes of the Representatives present, constituting a quorum of the Grand Lodge. The amendment proposed shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall report thereon at the present session, and the Grand Lodge may consider the same; but no amendment shall be made to this Constitution except by a vote of at least two thirds of the Representatives present at an annual session of the Grand Lodge.

Order of Business.

1. Opening Lodge.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Reading the Minutes.
4. Calling list of Absentees of Last Meeting.
5. Proposals for Membership.
6. Reports on Candidates.
7. Balloting for Candidates.
8. Initiation of Candidates.
9. Reception of Communications.
10. Are any of the members sick?
11. Has any member violated the Pledge or Obligation?
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Reports of Officers.
14. Any bills of Accounts.
15. Unfinished Business.
16. New Business.
17. Has any member anything to offer for the good of the Order?
18. Receipts of the evening.
19. Closing.

No. 121

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

This Lodge shall be hailed and entitled Washington No. 121 British American O. G. T., holding a legal charter, granted by the Grand Lodge, and shall consist of at least ten members, and cannot voluntarily surrender its charter or dissolve so long as ten members in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.—Pledge.

No member shall make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage any spirituous or malt liquors, wine, cider, or other intoxicating drinks, and shall discountenance the manufacture and sale thereof in all proper ways.

ARTICLE III.—Eligibility of Members.

Sec. 1. Males and females may be admitted to this Lodge, but none under fourteen years of age.

Sec. 2. The name and residence of a person offered for membership must be printed, or in writing, and the proposition made by a member of the Lodge, with two references, which must be entered on the records, and the subject referred to three members for investigation, two of whom shall be appointed by the W. C. T., and the third by the W. V. T., who shall report in writing at the next regular meeting, (except where the interests of the Order require, when at the request of the Lodge, the D. G. W. C. T., or Degree Templar may grant a dispensation to propose and initiate the same evening,) all candidates must be ballotted for with ball ballots, but if not more than four black balls appear against him or her, he or she shall be declared elected, but if more

than four black balls appear against him or her, or if all the votes cast be black, he or she shall be rejected and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed or initiated in any Lodge of the Order under three months.

Sec. 3. A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been returned to the Committee for investigation, without the consent of the members present.

Sec. 4. No suspended member of the Order can be received in membership in this Lodge, except on being reinstated and receiving a Card of Clearance from the Lodge which suspended him or her.

ARTICLE IV.—Fees and Dues.

Sec. 1. The initiation Fee of this Lodge shall not be less than fifty cents for males, and twenty-five cents for females. Each Lodge shall regulate their weekly dues so as to meet their expenditure, the dues paid quarterly in advance.

Sec. 2. Each Lodge granting a certificate for Degrees to a member, shall receive for each degree such sum as may be regulated by the Lodges, which shall go into the funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.—Degrees.

Sec. 1. A member who is eighteen years of age and has been in membership one month, shall be eligible for Degrees, but shall not be [illegible] more than one Degree at the same meeting, [illegible] dispensation from the G. W. C. T., or D. G. [illegible] C. T. for the County, or Degree Templar of the Lodge.

Sec. 2. Applications for Degrees shall be accompanied with the amount required, and shall be made to the Financial Secretary, who, at the proper time, must apply for the same to the Degree Lodge, and state that the member is entitled to the Degrees applied for, that he or she has paid for the same, and that the applicant is in good standing, and of proper age. Whenever the Lodge is opened in said Degree, a ballot shall be had, and if not more than four black balls appear, the Degree shall be granted.

Sec. 3. All applications for Degrees must be balloted

for in the Lodge opened in the particular Degree applied for, and the proceedings of the Lodge, when balloting for Degrees or conferring the same, are to be recorded in a separate record book kept for that purpose.

Sec. 4. The Degrees shall be conferred by the G. W. C. T., his deputy, or the Degree Templar of the Lodge, and the officer conferring the Degrees may call to his aid such members of the Order as he may require.

Sec. 5. COUNTY DEGREE LODGES.—A Degree Lodge may be formed in any County or District, upon the written application of five or more acting Degree Templars in said County, to the Grand Lodge, or Executive Committee of the same; the Degree Lodge to make their own By-laws, Rules of Order, &c., provided in all cases that no By-law or Rule of Order shall conflict with the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of W. C. T., W. V. T., W. C., W. S., W. T., W. F. S., W. M., W. I. G., W. O. G.

Sec. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of W. A. S., W. D. M., W. R. H. S., W. L. H. S.

Sec. 3. After a Lodge has been instituted three full terms, no member shall be eligible to the Office of W. C. T., unless he has served a regular term in some subordinate office, either elective or appointed.

Sec. 4. All officers must be clear of any charges on the books, and the W. C. T. and W. V. T. shall have taken the several Degrees previous to their installation.

Sec. 5. The officers shall be nominated and elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and installed at the first regular meeting in the succeeding term.

Sec. 6. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled at any regular meeting.

Sec. 7. Any officer absenting himself or herself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, their seat may be declared vacant by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, after one week's notice, unless sufficient excuse for their absence be given.

Sec. 8. In case the seat of any officer becomes vacant, such vacancy shall be filled; and any member who shall

be elected to, and installed in such office, shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the W. C. T. to preside in the Lodge, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws, and exact a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Lodge, when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all ballottings or other votes; direct the W. S. to call special meetings, when application shall be made, in writing, by five members of the Lodge; draw on the W. T. for all sums necessary to pay the appropriations made by the Lodge. He shall on the night he vacates the chair, see that the quarterly returns are prepared for the Grand Lodge, certified by him with the seal of the Lodge, and also see that whatever amount may be due the Grand Lodge, is paid to the installing officer. He shall perform such other duties as the Lodge or his charge shall require.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the W. V. T. to render the W. C. T. such assistance as he may require of him or her, and in the absence of the W. C. T., the W. V. T. shall perform his duty.

Sec. 3. The W. S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Lodge; write communications; he shall fill up certificates; notify meetings, when ordered by the W. C. T.; attest to all moneys ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and at none other; he shall make out at the end of the term, for the Lodge, a full report of the proceedings during his term, and also the quarterly returns to the Grand Lodge, and with the W. C. T., certify to the same. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or his charge, and deliver up to his successor, within one week from the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other pro-

perty in his possession, belonging to his office. He shall notify all subordinate Lodges, not more than five miles from its place of meeting, within one week after, of the name and residence of every person suspended, withdrawn, rejected or expelled from this Lodge.

Sec. 4. The W. A. S. shall be an aid to the W. S., under whose direction he or she shall act. He or she shall render to the W. S. such assistance in the performance of his or her duties as he or she or the Lodge, may require of him or her.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the W. F. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members, credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the Treasurer immediately, taking a receipt for the same. At the end of his term he shall make out for the Lodge a full report, and furnish the W. S. with the amount of receipts, initiation fees and dues during his term, with any other information connected with his office necessary to enable the W. S. to prepare correct returns for the Grand Lodge. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office, in his possession. He shall perform such other duties as the Lodge or his charge may require of him.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Worthy Treasurer to give a bond of not less than one hundred dollars, with such surety as may be approved by the Lodge; to pay all orders drawn on him or her by the W. C. T. attested by the W. S., and none others. He or she shall receive all moneys of the Lodge, and hold the same until the expiration of his or her term, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge. Shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended, and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Lodge, to his or her successor in office, or to whom the Lodge may especially appoint. He or she shall make a report at the end of his or her term, and per-

form such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Lodge or their charge.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the W. M. to introduce for initiation persons who have been previously elected; also the Grand Officers and visitors. He shall examine those present at the opening of the Lodge. He shall see that the officer's regalias are in their proper places at the opening of the Lodge, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such property of the Lodge, as may not otherwise be provided for.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the W. D. M. to render such service as the W. M. or the Lodge may require of him or her.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the W. I. G. to attend the door, to admit none but members of the Order and candidates for initiation.

Sec. 10. The W. O. G. shall guard the outside and keep off intruders.

Sec. 11. The Degree Templar of the Lodge shall, in the absence of the G. W. C. T., or his deputy, install the officers; provided always that the quarterly returns are made out and the per centage paid previous to their installation.

ARTICLE VIII.—Terms.

The regular Quarterly terms of this Lodge shall commence on the first of November, February, May and August: and any Lodge refusing or neglecting to make their returns to the Grand Lodge for one year, shall forfeit their charter.

ARTICLE IX.—Quorum.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X.—Offences.

Sec. 1. Any officer of this Lodge who shall violate his or her pledge shall be deprived of all official honors

previously attained to, and shall not be eligible to office sooner than one year thereafter.

Sec. 2. Any member who shall violate his or her Pledge, Obligation, the Constitution, or the By-laws, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled.

Sec. 3. Any member accused of any offence against this Order, shall be entitled to and receive a fair trial. No member of the Lodge shall be placed on trial for any offence, except the charges be duly made out in writing, and signed by a member of the Lodge, and the party accused shall be put in possession of a copy of the charges and specifications, and have a full and reasonable notice of the place and time of meeting, at least four days previous to the trial.

Sec. 4. The charges and specifications shall be referred to a committee of three members in good standing in the Lodge, who shall report at its next regular meeting, when the case may be tried, and in all cases when practicable, the accused and the accuser shall be summoned before the Committee, and be allowed counsel, if they wish, provided they are members of good standing in the Order.

Sec. 5. All testimony received by a Committee when investigating the charges against a brother or sister, should be reduced to writing, and read in the Lodge if required.

Sec. 6. If the accused fail to appear, when duly summoned, the committee shall report him or her guilty of contempt, which report shall be final, and the Worthy Chief shall in two weeks thereafter declare the member expelled unless it shall appear that the accused was unavoidably absent, in which case the accused shall be entitled to a re-hearing.

Sec. 7. All votes for re-instatement or expulsion (except for contempt) shall be by ball ballot.

Sec. 8. When any committee report the charge sustained, the offending person shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting may determine.

Sec. 9. If the accused be not satisfied with the decision of the Lodge, appeal may be taken to the D. G. W. C. T. of the county, to whom the minutes of the trial shall be delivered; and his decision shall be final, unless appealed from to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 10. A member under charges, and during the investigation thereof by the Lodge, is under a state of suspension, and cannot vote or speak on any question before the Lodge, unless by permission of the Lodge.

Sec. 11. Any member who shall wilfully or maliciously bring charges against a member, and fail to prove the same, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine.

Sec. 12. Any member having been expelled shall not be again proposed for membership under three months from the date of expulsion, unless by dispensation of the G. W. C. T. or his deputy, at the request of the Lodge.

Sec. 13. Any member six months in arrears shall be notified of the same by the W. F. S. of the Lodge, and if such arrears be not cancelled as the Lodge may direct, the member may be expelled by a vote of the members at any regular meeting.

Sec. 14. When a member accused of violating his or her obligation shall be present and plead guilty to the charge, the case may be tried forthwith, without the appointment of a committee; but at the request of the accused, final action shall be postponed one week.

Sec. 15. Any member who shall be guilty of any objectionable or disorderly conduct, or disrespectful language in the Lodge, may be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may direct by ball ballot, at the time the offence is committed, or at either of the next two subsequent meetings.

ARTICLE XI.

CARDS AND TRAVELLING MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. A card of Clearance shall only be granted

and used when a member wishes to leave one Lodge to join another, which card shall be available for the length of time a member pays his dues, but shall not exceed six months from the date thereof. A travelling card shall only be granted and used when a member is about to go a journey, or to sojourn for a definite time in another County or District.

Sec. 2. Application for either Travelling or Clearance cards must be made in open Lodge, at a regular meeting thereof; the same shall be granted, provided that there is no charge pending against him or her, and the member shall be clear on the Worthy Financial Secretary's books.

Sec. 3. A member receiving a travelling card must pay all dues up to the time for which the card is drawn.

Sec. 4. No strange member can visit in any Lodge without he or she is in possession of the password for the current quarter, unless he or she presents a regular travelling card, and proves himself or herself in the T. P. W. On the presentation of the Card, the W. C. T. shall appoint a committee of three to examine the visitor; one member of the committee must be the W. C. T. himself, and the other two members of the committee must be of the third degree. The committee shall first examine the visitor privately in the quarterly password and T. P. W., and the visitor must commence. If the committee is satisfied with the result of the examination, they will introduce the visitor into the Lodge without further ceremony.

Sec. 5. Brothers or sisters holding travelling or clearance cards continue to be members of the Order, and are amenable to all the laws of their respective Lodges in the same manner as other members.

Sec. 6. Every Travelling or Clearance Card must bear the signature of the G. W. S. of the British American Grand Lodge, or a fac-simile thereof. It must be signed by the W. C. T., and attested by the W. S., under the Seal of the Lodge granting it. The

name of the holder must also be written on the margin in his or her own handwriting.

Sec. 7. Any member applying for travelling or clearance card, may withdraw his or her application at any time before the Card is actually granted.

Sec. 8. A person holding a travelling card that has expired by limitation, can make application to his or her own Lodge for membership, as if the time had not expired; but a person cannot be admitted as visitor to a Lodge on an expired Travelling Card.

Sec. 9. A member in good standing, wishing to withdraw from the Order, can do so by making application in writing, provided that he or she is clear of any charges on the books of the W. F. S.

ARTICLE XII.—By-Laws.

Sec. 1. Any Subordidate Lodge shall be at liberty to adopt such By-laws and Regulations as they may deem advisable; provided, however, that no By-law, Regulation, or Order of Business shall conflict with this Constitution, or the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. Each Subordinate Lodge shall send a copy of their By-laws to the G. W. S., for examination and correction by the Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof must be deposited with the G. W. S.

ARTICLE XIII.—Per-Centage.

Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such assessment as may be made at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XIV.—Password.

No member shall be entitled to receive the P. W. unless he or she is clear of any charges on the books at the commencement of the current quarter.

ARTICLE XV.—Amendments.

Sec. 1. This Constitution shall only be amended at an Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, by a vote

of two-thirds of the members present, upon a call for the ayes and nays.

Sec. 2. A proposition to amend the Constitution shall not be entertained except by consent of a majority of the Representatives, to be given without debate, unless such proposition come from some appropriate committee.

ARTICLE XVI.—Admission of Clergymen.

Clergymen may be admitted to this Lodge as members, on being elected in the same manner as regular members, not to be subject to the payment of initiation fee, or quarterly dues, and to enjoy the like privilege in the Degree Lodge.

By-Laws.

PREAMBLE.

We, the members of this Lodge, desirous of forming an organization to shield us from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of adversity, and elevate our characters as citizens, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the foregoing Constitution and the following By-Laws:

1. A regular meeting of this Lodge shall be held on Friday evening of each week or weeks, or not less than once a fortnight.

2. The hour of meeting shall be 7 o'clock, from the first of October to the first of April, and 7½ o'clock, from the first of April to the first of October. The Lodge shall close punctually at ten o'clock, unless a unanimous vote to the contrary.

FINES, PENALTIES AND PRIVILEGES.

FOR ABSENCE.

3. The officers of this Lodge, for absence at the time of calling the roll at any regular meeting, shall be fined as follows, viz:—Worthy Chief Templar, Worthy Vice Templar, Worthy Secretary, Worthy Financial Secretary, Worthy Marshal, each 25 cents; all other officers 12½ cents.

ABSENCE OF BOOKS.

4. For neglecting to have the books of the Lodge present at any regular meeting a fine of 5c. cents shall be imposed for each neglect.

REFUSING TO WATCH.

5. Members who shall refuse to watch with the sick on the nights which fall to them, as directed in No. 22 of these By-Laws, when notified of the fact by the Committee for the sick, shall pay a fine of $1— for each night of refusal, unless they furnish a substitute, or give the Committee such good reasons as will cause them to be excused.

FINES—HOW TO BE SETTLED.

6. All fines thus imposed, if not settled at the time, shall be charged by the W. F. S. to the officer or member from whom due, and shall stand against said officer or member as regular dues, and must be liquidated to entitle him or her to the privilege of voting and the password.

EXCUSES.

7. Sickness, or absence from the place on necessary business, shall be the only reasons which can be accepted by the Chair for the non-payment of fines. No other excuse shall be granted, except by a regular motion, and a vote of the Lodge.

TATTLING MEMBERS.

8. Any member of this Lodge found guilty of divulging the name of another who may speak or vote against a candidate for initiation, or if any member make public any of the business or transactions of this

Lodge, said member shall be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may direct, and, if fined, the fine shall in no case be less than 5 dollars.

9. Any member of this Lodge who shall reply to, or notice any question regarding the business, passwords, signs, or other private works of the Order, from any one not a member in good standing, which are calculated to expose matters which should be confined to this Lodge, shall be considered unworthy of membership, and may be expelled by a vote of the Lodge.

DECORUM.

10. Any member who shall, in this Lodge, use profane or objectionable and improper language, or refuse to obey the commands of the Chair, when called to order, or make disrespectful expressions towards the officers or members of this Lodge, shall be subject to a fine for each offence not exceeding 2 dollars, or to expulsion, as the Lodge may direct.

CONDUCT.

11. Any member who shall become addicted to any vicious or immoral habits, which will injure themselves or their family, and disgrace this Order, shall be expelled.

FEES AND DUES.

INITIATION.

12. The initiation fee of this Lodge shall be 50 cents for males, and 25 cents for females.

WEEKLY DUES.

13. Every member of this Lodge shall pay into the general fund whatever amount the Lodge may consider necessary to meet all expenses.

DEGREES.

14. The fee for each Degree shall be 25 cents, the amount to accompany the application.

CARDS.

15. Members of the Order may be admitted as members of this Lodge by card, on payment of 10 cents by males, and 5 by females.

16. Members wishing a card of Clearance from the Lodge are entitled to it if clear upon the books of the W. F. S., on payment of 5 cents by males, and three cents by females.

FUNDS.—HOW APPROPRIATED.

17. The funds of this Lodge shall be used for defraying the necessary expenses of this Lodge, and to pay the taxes levied by the Grand Lodge.

18. No money shall be appropriated, or used for other purposes than those mentioned in No. 17 of these By-laws, unless two-thirds of all the members present at a regular meeting of this Lodge vote to do so.

COMMITTEES.

19. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

20. The W. C. T. shall on the night of his installation, appoint the following Standing Committees for his term :—

A Committee on Finance.
A Committee on the Care of the Sick.
A Room Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—DUTIES OF.

21. The duties of the Finance Committee are to examine and audit bills and accounts presented to this Lodge for payment, and at the close of the term, examine the accounts of the W. F. S. and W. T., and report the state of the finances to the Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON THE CARE OF THE SICK—DUTIES OF.

22. The Committee on the care of the sick shall consist of three brothers and three sisters. It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit the sick, within twenty-four hours of being apprised of a member's sickness; they shall render to the brother or sister every assistance which shall appear to them called for, to give aid and comfort to the patient; and if watches are required, they shall notify two members for each night, calling upon them in the order in which they stand upon the roll of the Lodge, and the Committee serving themselves in their regular order. Fines for non-compliance with the provisions of this section, are to be strictly enforced. Sec. No. 5.

ROOM COMMITTEE—DUTIES OF.

23. This Committee are to see that the room and Regalia are always in readiness for meetings, and perform such other duties as the Lodge may require.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTIONS.

AGE OF CANDIDATES.

24. No person shall be admitted to membership in this Lodge who is under the age of fourteen.

DEGREE MEETINGS.

25. The Degree meeting of this Lodge shall be held every evening in the month, at the hour of Notice must be given by the W. C. T. the week previous of the holding of the Degree meeting.

26. Suspended members shall pay the whole sum due from them up to the time of re-instatement.

ELECTIONS.

27. No officer shall be declared elected who has not received a majority of all the legal votes cast.

TRUSTEES.

28. This Lodge shall elect three Trustees at the last regular meeting in October, in each year, who shall transact all the legal business for the Lodge.

TREASURER.

29. The amount of the bond of the Treasurer of this Lodge shall be one hundred dollars, but this amount may be at any time increased by a vote of the Lodge.

AMENDMENTS.

30. No part of these By-laws shall be repealed, altered, or annulled, unless a notice to that effect be presented in writing to the Lodge, which shall lie over two weeks before action shall be had thereon, when, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the amendment, it shall be adopted.

Rules of Order,

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF W. C. T.

1. It shall be the duty of the W. C. T. to preserve order and endeavor to conduct all business before the Lodge to a speedy and proper result.

2. He shall state every question properly presented to the Lodge; and before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, he shall rise to put it, and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

3. The W. C. T. shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, but in ordinary cases shall not vote. He shall announce all votes and decisions. His decisions on points of order shall not be debatable, unless entertaining doubts on the subject, he shall invite discussion.

4. He may speak to points of order, in preference to other members of the Lodge, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any member. On such an appeal no member shall speak more than once.

5. When an appeal is made from the decision of the W. C. T. he shall put the question thus: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

6. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, and the privilege of any member of the Lodge to call a member to order who violates an established rule of order.

MOTIONS.

7. A motion must be seconded and afterwards repeated from the Chair, or read aloud before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member require it.

8. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

9. Any member having made a motion may withdraw it, with leave of his second before it is debated, but not afterwards, without leave of the Lodge.

10. A motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

11. An amendment destroying or altering the intention of a motion, shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

12. On an amendment to "strike out and insert," the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be struck out and to be inserted, and finally the paragraph as it would stand if so amended.

13. On a call for a division on the question, the majority shall de-

cide. The call can only be granted when the division called for will leave distinct and entire propositions.

DEBATE.

14. When a member speaks or offers a motion, he or she shall rise in their place, and respectfully address the W. C. T., confining themselves to the question under consideration, and avoiding personality or unbecoming language.

15. When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat until the point is determined.

16. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

17. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than five minutes time, on any question, without leave of the Lodge, which leave shall be granted or refused without debate.

18. While a member is speaking, no one shall interrupt except for the purpose of calling to order, or asking of the presiding officer leave to explain, or to call the previous question. A member allowed "to explain" shall only have right to explain an actual misunderstanding of language, and shall be strictly prohibited from going into debate on the merits of the case.

19. For any member in speaking to impeach the motives of a fellow member or treat such with personal disrespect, shall be deemed a violation of order, which may incur the censure of the presiding officer, or of the Lodge.

20. If any member shall feel personally aggrieved by a decision of the Chair, he or she may appeal from such decision.

21. Any conversation by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb a member while speaking or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and, if persisted in, shall incur censure.

PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS.

22. When a question is before the Lodge, the only motions in order shall be, 1st, to adjourn; 2nd, the previous question; 3rd, to lay on the table; 4th, to postpone indefinitely; 5th, to postpone to a definite period; 6th, to refer; 7th, to divide, if the sense will admit of it; 8th, to amend; to take precedence as herein arranged, and the first three to be decided without debate.

23. When the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried, all further amendments and debate shall be excluded, and the question put without delay. If the question has been amended, the question shall be taken on the amendment first. If more than one amendment has been made, the last made amendment in order shall take precedence in the vote. It shall not be in order to reconsider the agreement to take the previous question.

24. When a motion is postponed indefinitely, it shall not come up again during the session.

ADJOURNMENT.

25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except, 1st, when a member is in possession of the floor; 2nd, while the yeas and nays are being called; 3rd, when the members are voting; 4th, when adjournment was the last preceding motion; or, 5th, when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

28. A motion to adjourn simply, cannot be amended, but a motion to adjourn to a given time may be, and is open to debate.

QUESTIONS NOT DEBATABLE.

29. 1st, a motion to adjourn, when to adjourn, simply; 2nd, a motion to lay on the table, when claiming privilege over another motion; 3rd, a motion for the previous question; 4th, a motion to reconsider; 5th, a motion to read a paper; 6th, a motion to take up particular items of business; 7th, questions of order, when not appealed from the decision of the W. C. T., or not submitted by him to the Lodge.

READING OF PAPERS.

30. The reading of any paper called for, relating to the subject under debate, shall always be in order.

TAKING A VOTE.

31. When the presiding officer has commenced taking a vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless a mistake has been made, in which case the mistake shall be rectified, and the presiding officer shall recommence taking the vote.

32. When the decision of any question is doubted, the presiding officer shall direct the Marshal to count the vote in the affirmative and negative, and report the same to him.

33. The yeas and nays upon any question before the Lodge may be called for by two members, and upon the assent of one-third of the members present, shall be so taken. They may be called for at any time before a peremptory decision of the vote by the chair.

34. In taking the yeas and nays, the W. S. shall call the roll and record the yeas and nays; after the roll is called the result shall be read aloud, to rectify mistakes, if any, after which the W. S. shall hand the vote to the W. C. T., who shall announce the same.

35. In voting by yeas and nays, all present in regular standing in the Lodge must vote, unless excused by the Lodge; but no member shall vote who was not in the room at the time the question was put. A motion to excuse shall be decided without debate.

FILLING BLANKS.

36. When any blank is to be filled by the names of persons, a vote shall be taken on the names in the order of their nomination; but when a blank is to be filled by any sums of money or time proposed, the question shall be first put on the largest sum and the most remote time.

RE-CONSIDERATION AND APPEAL.

37. A question may be re-considered any time during the session, or at the first regular session held thereafter, but a motion for re-consideration being once made and decided in the negative, shall not be renewed before the next regular session.

38. A motion to re-consider must be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority. No question shall be re-considered more than once, nor shall a vote to re-consider be re-considered. To re-consider a resolution, &c., the decision of which has officially passed out of the Lodge, shall not be in order.

39. A motion to repeal or rescind a resolution shall be offered in writing, and announced at a regular session, two weeks before action shall be taken on the same, and shall only be in order when the motion to re-consider is no longer available.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR REPORTS.

38. The one first named in the appointment of a committee shall be chairman of the same, and shall call the committee together at such time and place as he or she may select; but, when thus convened, any committee may elect its own chairman and secretary.

39. All reports of committees, except reports of progress, shall be made in writing, and signed by a majority.

40. When a majority's report is followed by a report from the minority of a committee, the former, after being read, shall lie upon the table until the latter is presented, after which, on motion, either may be considered.

41. When a report has been read it shall be considered as properly before the Lodge, without a motion to accept.

APPENDIX.

FORM OF CHARGE AND TRIAL OF A MEMBER.

To (name) Lodge, No. of the B. A. O. of G. T.

I hereby charge Brother or Sister (give name), a member of this Lodge, with having violatated Article II. of our Constitution, (or his or her obligation).

pray that a Committee of Investigation may be appointed.

Yours in F. H. and C.,

A B, a member of Lodge No.

(Date)

FORM OF NOTIFICATION.

To Brother (or Sister) , a member of Lodge, No. , B. A. O. of G. T.

You are hereby required to appear before the undersigned Committee (name the place of meeting), on the (date), day of (month), at o'clock, m., and make answer to the charge annexed to this summons, herewith served on you, and in case you shall make default you will be reported to the Lodge as guilty of contempt, and will incur expulsion from the Lodge, unless a satisfactory excuse is rendered.

Yours in F. H. and C.,

A B,
C D,
E F,
COMMITTEE.

Dated the day of 18

[The notice of charge should be served personally on the accused at least four days previous to the trial, if they can be found, if not, notice may be served by leaving it at the Post Office, or at his last place of residence, twelve days at least before the day of hearing. A notice should also be sent to the accuser of the time and place of hearing, and to produce his or her evidence to sustain the charge.]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND LODGE.

To the Grand Lodge of the B. A. O. of G. T.

This is to certify that P. W. C. T., W. C. T., or a lady W. V. T., (give the name) has been duly elected (a regular or proxy representative) to represent this Lodge (give the name of the Lodge and number) in the Grand Lodge.

In virtue whereof, we have caused this to be signed by our Worthy Secretary, and the Seal of the Lodge to be attached.

W. S.

(Date.)

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE FOR A DEGREE TEMPLAR.

To the Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the B. A. O. of G. T.

This is to certify that (name) has this evening (date) been duly elected to the office of Degree Templar for (name of Lodge and number), and beg leave to recommend him as a fit and proper person to fill said office.

In witness whereof, we have caused this to be signed by our Worthy Chief Templar and Worthy Secretary, and the Seal of the Lodge to be attached.

W. S. W. C. T.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER.

The undersigned, inhabitants of believing the British American Order of Good Templars well calculated to extend the blessings of Total Abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition the Grand Lodge of the B. A. O. of G. T. to grant them a Charter to open a Lodge, to be called Lodge, No. to be located in and under your jurisdiction. We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to be governed by the rules and usages of the Grand Lodge.

Enclosed is the Charter fee, $5.

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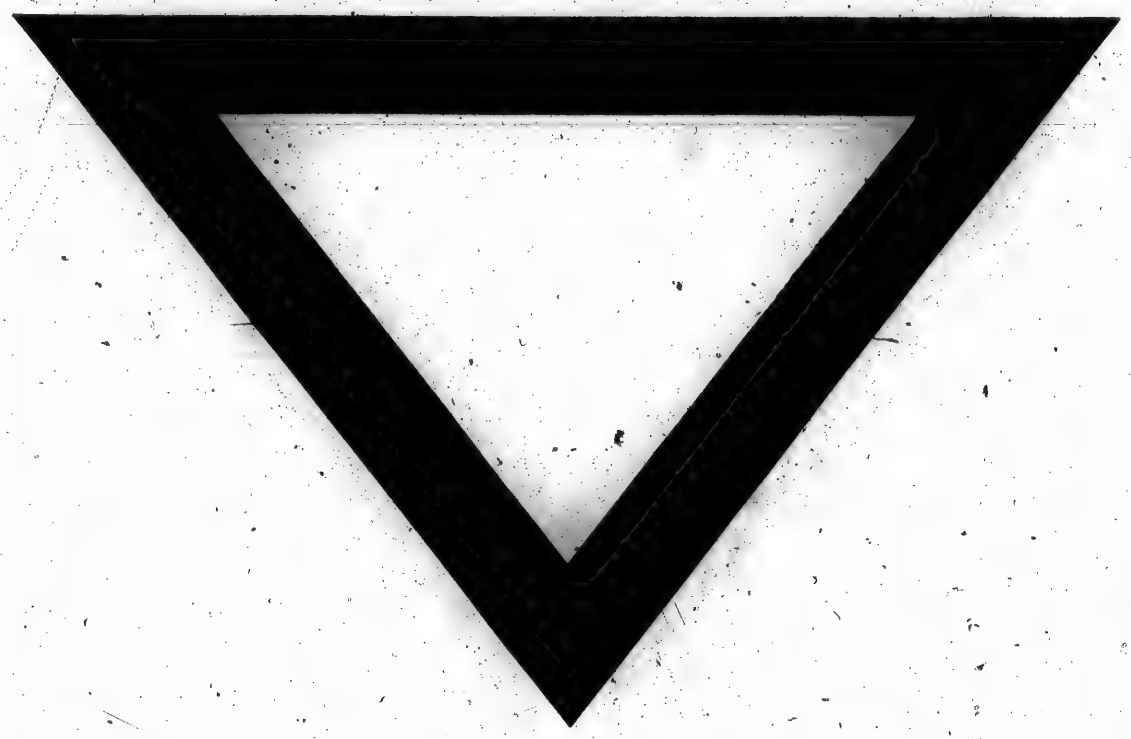
[Applications to open new Lodges should be signed by twelve persons or more, in good standing in the community, and sent free of postage to the Grand Worthy Secretary.]